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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	68884	Agenda Number	49.
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Meeting Date:	3/23/2017	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding and extend the City's involvement in clean air programs, in the total amount of \$50,000 for 12 months with one 12 month renewal option, for a total agreement not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note it not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20120524-077, Council Briefing 03/21/2013.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Capital Area Council of Government's (CAPCOG) Air Quality Program provides technical assistance and information to area businesses, government entities and community groups on regional air quality issues, with particular emphasis on pollution related to ground-level ozone. Program efforts are directed at gaining a better understanding of the sources and extent of regional air quality problems by operating air monitoring stations, estimating and modeling emissions and evaluating emission reduction measures to develop effective strategies for the area. The CAPCOG Air Quality Program also provides support for the Central Texas Clean Air coalition (CAC) and the CAC Advisory Committee which is comprised of 20 elected officials from the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical area who facilitate the ongoing regional initiative to reduce ozone pollution.

The City has committed to support CAPCOG and the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition in expanding its role of regional coordination for air quality program in Central Texas. The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to provide funding to implement the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Ozone Advance Program Action Plan (OAP) with a specific focus on outreach and education efforts. Activities will include:

- Task 1: Air Central Texas Website Enhancement and Maintenance
- Task 2: Electronic Outreach and Education
- Task 3: 2017 Air Central Texas Awards

It is expected that the tasks outlined above will:

- Build a robust outreach and education campaign that will bring consistency to the messages and branding of the regional efforts,
- Continue to encourage the general public to take actions to reduce ozone-forming emissions and use alternative commuting options, and
- Ensure the vulnerable members of the community have enough information about ozone to protect themselves from exposure to high ozone levels when they occur in the region.

This action will secure funding for CAPCOG programs in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a period of 12 months with one 12 month renewal options, for a total agreement not to exceed \$100,000. Approval of this agreement does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program beyond the one year term.